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SUBJECT: W/W: ANDRE KESTELOOT, BELGIUM NATIONAL

1. INSTANCE CONGRESSMAN ROBERT H. MOLLOHAN, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ASCERTAIN, ON INFORMAL BASIS, WELFARE-WHEREABOUTS OF MR. KESTELOOT, WHO DISAPPEARED IN BEIRUT AFTER DRIVING HIS CHILD IN PERSONAL VEHICLE TO SCHOOL IN MORNING OF DECEMBER 16.

2. SUBJECT DURING PAST 6 YEARS HAS BEEN ONE OF TWO EMPLOYEES OF AMERICAN FIRM INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL PRODUCTS CO., WHICH HAS OFFICES AT HYKAL CENTER, APT. 502, 6TH FLOOR, BEIRUT. THE FIRM SELLS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES (KUWAIT, JORDAN, ETC.). SUBJECT'S WIFE IS ELAINE KESTELOOT, NEE KLAT, RESIDING AT BOUBESSE BUILDING, SELIM, BOOSTANY STREET, EL ZARIE 40, BEIRUT.

3. UPON DISAPPEARANCE OF HER HUSBAND, MRS. KESTELOOT PHONED THE HEAD OF THE AMERICAN FIRM IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND BOTH ARE OF OPINION THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN "KIDNAPPED BECAUSE OF HIS ASSOCIATION WITH AMERICAN FIRM". MATTER UNCLASSIFIED

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